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BOOK MESSAGE IS BELOW

ROUTINE

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BERN LOMB AMMA ADDI BERN MADE ANKA ALLI DONN PART
 MUNI BACH KHAR LISB COPE NASO BEIR LEOP HEXI FROB NEWD
 DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN KAHU TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIDD
 TNIS CYRU TEHE CMER OSLO CAIR MOGA PACY GNVA ROME FRAN

PORAND

NEAR EAST AFRICA BRIEF

(INFORM RELEASABLE TO LIAISON. NO NOFORN IN THIS MESSAGE)

1. SYRIA: THE POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE SYRIAN REGIME AP
 PEARS TO BE RESOLVING IN FAVOR OF THE MODERATE FACTION LED BY
 PREMIER HAFIZ.

EFFORTS BY HAFIZ, A MILITARY MEMBER OF THE BAATH PARTY, TO
 ASSOCIATE THE REGIME WITH NON-BAATHI POLITICAL ELEMENTS HAVE GAINED
 MOMENTUM, AND BAATHIST EXTREMISTS LED BY VICE PREMIER UMRAN WHO
 OPPOSE THIS MOVE ARE BEING ECLIPSED. GENERAL UMRAN STILL OCCUPIES
 HIS GOVERNMENTAL POST, HOWEVER, AND DESPERATE COUNTERACTION BY HIM
 AND HIS SUPPORTERS IN THE ARMY AND THE BAATH DOMINATED NATIONAL
 GUARD CANNOT BE COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED.

THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT PRO-NASIR GROUPS WILL TRY TO
 EXPLOIT THE DIVISION WITHIN THE REGIME BY ATTEMPTING TO SEIZE POWER.

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